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JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK CELEBRATING JURORS DURING JURY SERVICE

Ventura, Calif.—The Superior Court of Ventura County celebrates the 15th anniversary of Juror Appreciation Week, May 14 to 18. The second full week in May was identified for juror appreciation in 1998 by a special resolution of the California Legislature recognizing the important contributions of citizens in devoting their time and effort to make the cherished right of trial by jury a reality. Juror Appreciation Week is now an annual event in courts throughout the state.

The right to trial by a jury of one's peers lies at the heart of our justice system and is a cornerstone of our nation's democratic ideals. The theme of this year's Juror Appreciation Week is "Jurors, you make it work!"

There have been numerous changes to jury service in California over the last 15 years. Two notable improvements are the one-day or one-trial system that makes jury service more manageable, and plain-language jury instructions that makes jury service more understandable.

More than 500,000 Californians serve on juries each year, according to the state Judicial Council. Jury duty is an essential part of our judicial system. The Superior Court of Ventura County recognizes the sacrifices our citizens make in performing their jury service.

"Our judges and court staff would like to thank all our jurors for their valuable time and service in our courtrooms," said Presiding Judge Vincent J. O'Neill, Jr. "We hope that everyone in our community cherishes the rights of those in a jury trial as they do the rights we all enjoy every day outside the courthouse."

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